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BLOCKBUSTER SUNDAY AFTER SWIATEK SATURDAY IN PARIS

French Open ruler Rafael Nadal meets World No 1 Novak Djokovic in final as Polish teen Iga Swiatek wins women's title

LOUD AND CLEAR RECORD PLAYERS

Djokovic is chasing an 18th Grand Slam title and a second French Open which would make him the first man in half a century to win all four Slams twice. Defending champion Nadal, the World No 2, can win a 13th Roland Garros and 20th Major which would tie the all-time men's record held by Roger Federer. Djokovic, 33, has a 29-26 edge over Nadal.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF ANOTHER KIND

Djokovic beat Tsitsipas 6-3, 6-2, 5-7, 4-6, 6-1 in a close contest late on Friday after Nadal's straight set win over Diego Schwartzman. Djokovic is one of two men to have beaten Nadal here in 15 years. Nadal has a 6-1 career edge over Djokovic at Roland Garros. Odds are in favour of Nadal at 7/10. Djokovic is at 13/10 [P13]

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NADAL LEADS DJOKOVIC IN GRAND SLAM MEETINGS

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Jagan takes Amaravati land scam fight to SC

Writes to CJI Bobde on the contours of the benami deals; requests his intervention to ensure neutrality of judiciary in Andhra is restored

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

IT is official. The confrontation between the Andhra Pradesh government and the High Court has now snowballed into an open war.

Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy has written a letter to the Chief Justice of India (CJI) S A Bobde apprising him of the recent happenings in the High Court in particular reference to the alleged intervention of sitting Supreme Court judge Justice NV Ramana to protect the interests of Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and its chief N Chandrababu Naidu.

He urged the CJI to look into the material placed before him and consider initiating steps as may be considered fit to ensure the State judiciary's neutrality is maintained.

Revealing this at a press meet late Saturday evening, Principal Advisor to the CM Ajeya Kallam said the government placed material before the Chief Justice of India pinpointing instances of Justice Ramana's proximity to Naidu, his interventions to help TDP, and his acts of judicial impropriety when he served as judge of the High Court in Hyderabad.

This is perhaps the first time that a Chief Minister has written to the CJI against a Supreme Court judge and the Chief Justice and judges of a High Court.

Clarifying that the government's effort is only to sensitise the SC about the acts of a few judges of the High Court, Kallam said the chief minister's letter itself indicates the enormous respect he and his government have towards the

judiciary.

However, the letter itself is nothing less than explosive. The Chief Minister explained at length to the CJI that there were various complaints about the "acts of malfeasance" of Naidu and his close associates and as such, his government, elected with a massive mandate, was well within its constitutional rights to scrutinise the erstwhile TDP government's misdeeds.

Narrating the sequence of events, he said a Cabinet Sub-committee, formed to examine



the TDP regime's decisions, found that Naidu and others had amassed huge wealth through illegal means, including illegal transactions of purchase of approximately 4,000 acres.

The report was endorsed by the Assembly and the government urged the Centre to order a CBI probe, he recalled, adding it was done so to avoid allegations of political vendetta by the TDP.

From hereon, in his letter, Jagan underscored the role of Justice Ramana and said it was

his painful duty to place on record that during the course of enquiries by the Cabinet Sub-Committee and later, various questionable transactions in Amaravati have come to light.

The transactions, Jagan pointed out, took place in the interregnum period between Naidu's swearing-in as CM and public announcement of the capital location in Amaravati. After giving a detailed account of the transactions, the Chief Minister explained how the High Court has stayed through an interim order "further proceedings arising from the Cabinet Sub-Committee report, even after being apprised that the matter is before the Union of India."

Besides, he also brought to the CJI's notice how the High Court Chief Justice Maheswari had stayed further probe on an FIR filed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau against former Advocate General Dammalapati Srinivas and 12 others in the Amaravati scam and even gagged the media from reporting on the contents of the FIR.

Alleging that Justice Ramana's proximity to Naidu is too well-known, he cited former Supreme Court judge Justice Chelameswar who "placed this fact on record with Evidence."

Elaborating on the alleged manipulation of the High Court, Jagan said sittings of the high court including the roster of a few judges were being influenced on important matters relating to the TDP.

The Chief Minister enclosed a detailed annexure to the letter explaining the same citing specific instances.

With Covid +ve cases among students rising, Karnataka suspends Vidyagama

PEARL D'SOUZA & PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka government on Saturday temporarily suspended the Vidyagama programme, affecting 43.94 lakh government schoolchildren across the state, after 34 students tested Covid-positive within a week in Kalaburagi and Belagavi districts.

The continuous learning programme for children in government and aided schools was launched about two months

ago by the Education Department to reach out to poor students who don't have access to online education because of lack of gadgets. With Covid cases rising across the state, the Department had asked over two lakh teachers to teach groups of 4-5 students in open air and with Covid norms, like wearing masks and social distancing, in place.

But parents from several districts had complained that the children were increasingly becoming infected while attending

CINEMA HALLS SET TO OPEN

- Centre's order comes as a relief to hundreds of Sandalwood artists of hand-painted cutouts and film posters
- Already struggling, the lockdown had forced them to take up other jobs to earn a livelihood
- Such artists were in great demand during holidays of Karnataka cinema
- Back then, one artist would fetch them Rs 6,000. Now they earn Rs 50,000 for one banner, but little remains after deductions [P4]

Vidyagama classes. Responding to their concerns, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar on Saturday said that the scheme will be put on hold temporarily, till the pros and cons are analysed. He reiterated that the programme was launched to help students from economically weaker sections of society. Last month, he had paid a surprise visit to Kallur, Varadenahalli, Bachanahalli, Tagachuguppe, Bantarakuppe Colony, Bantarakuppa, Belugumba and Magadi. [P3]

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Dalit victims of atrocities face double trouble

RAJESH ASHANI & RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Jaipur/Patna

A Dalit woman in Bhopal village of Rajasthan's Dausa district was allegedly raped by two boys, Mahendra and Jeetram, belonging to the Gujjar community in July 2019.

When her family members lodged an FIR, the dominant caste was so enraged that they burnt her house, thrashed her family members and even threatened to kill all of them. Petrified by the repeated threats, the victim and her family fled to Mahua town, about 10 km from their village, where they eke out a living as labourers earning only ₹500-600 a day.

"We were beaten up and our house was burnt down. We were told that we would be killed if we didn't leave the village. The police took money from the accused and didn't help us. The government also didn't help us," said Mahesh Chand, the victim's brother-in-law. The Dausa family's troubles only underline what many Dalit victims of atrocities face. [P9]

INTERVIEW

A CONTRARIAN VIEW ON PAKISTAN



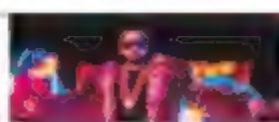
Irish journalist Declan Walsh discusses with *TNIE* the role of military in Pakistan and how the way it has dealt with Baloch separatists exacerbated the country's destabilisation

DECLAN WALSH
Journalist, The New York Times

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RISE OF THE STREET BEAT

China's 60K troops at LAC, says Pompeo

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

US National Security Adviser Robert O'Brien has accused China of "trying to take control of the LAC by force, even as Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Beijing has amassed more than 60,000 troops on India's northern border.

O'Brien said the time has come to realise that talks will not help change China's aggressive stance. "There's nothing to be

gained from looking the other way or turning the other cheek. We've been doing that for far too long," he said.

Pompeo, after a meeting with the foreign ministers of the other three Quad countries in Tokyo, lashed out at Beijing for its "bad behaviour". "The Indians are seeing 60,000 Chinese soldiers on their northern border," he said during an interview upon his return from Tokyo. He added that India will

"absolutely need" US help to fight China, which poses great danger to regional stability.

"I was with my foreign minister counterparts from India, Australia and Japan a format that we call the 'Quad', four big democracies, four powerful economies, four nations, each of whom has real risk associated with the threats imposed, attempting to be imposed by the Communist Party," Pompeo said. [P9]

TODAY'S IPL MATCH

SRH VS RR

Two Australian captains face off in Dubai. For RR, Ben Stokes might be available.

ODDS: SRH 4/5
| RR 11/10

MI VS DC

It is a battle of the top two teams in the second match of the day, in Abu Dhabi.

ODDS: MI 4/5 | DC 25/19

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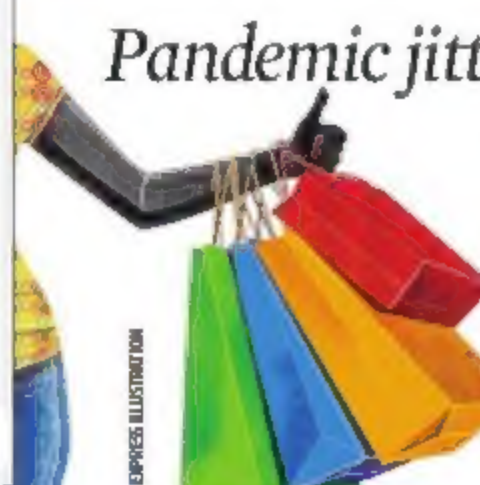
Pandemic jitters turn shoppers into early birds

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE Covid-19 pandemic has made shoppers jittery this festive season. It has also taught them how less and early make the festival safe and happy. Apart from buying online, people have now started shopping early for Dasara and Diwali, instead of rushing to the outlets at the last minute. Also, instead of waiting for weekend and discount offers, they are prefer-

ring to be the early birds.

"Covid cases are rising and we cannot take chances. We have decided to buy just one dress and use it for two occasions as no gatherings are being organised. Normally, we would shop during Navarathri when fresh collections are displayed. But this year, we have already shopped as going to crowded places may affect our health," said Tejaswini L, a software professional. [P7]



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